



# West Wimmera Shire Council

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 21 August 2024  
2:00 pm

Telopea Downs Hall  
Telopea Downs





## Councillors and Shire Map



**MAYOR**  
**Cr. Tim Meyer**



**DEPUTY  
MAYOR**  
**Cr. Tom  
Houlihan**



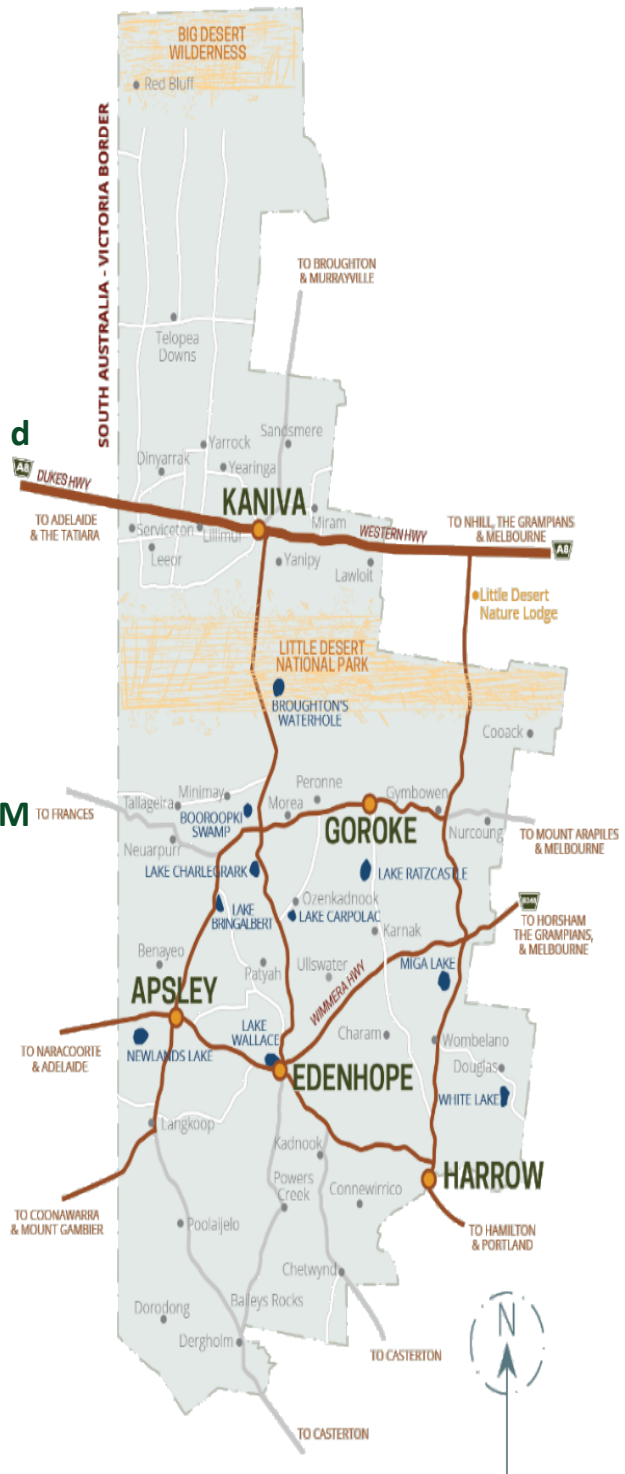
**Cr. Richard  
Hicks**



**Cr. Bruce  
Meyer OAM**



**Cr. Jodie  
Pretlove**





## COUNCIL VISION

**Our West Wimmera community is healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious, prosperous, and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity.**

## OUR VALUES

**INNOVATIVE** – We will proactively respond to change, are optimistic about our future and pursue continuous improvement in everything that we do.

**ACCOUNTABLE** – We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency, achievement of goals and advocating for our community

**UNITED** – We will do everything within our ability to encourage and form trusting relationships, to work together as one team to achieve our goals and advocate for ‘One West Wimmera’.

**COLLABORATIVE** – We will actively and openly consult with you and work constructively with community organisations, agencies, the business community and other levels of government to our community’s benefit.

## OUR GOALS







### **Purpose of Council meetings**

- (1) Council holds scheduled meetings and, when required, unscheduled meetings to conduct the business of Council.
- (2) Council is committed to transparency in decision making and, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, Council and Delegated Committee meetings are open to the public and the community are able to attend.
- (3) Meetings will only be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66 of the Act, if:
  - (a) there are clear reasons for particular matters to remain confidential; or
  - (b) a meeting is required to be closed for security reasons; or
  - (c) it is necessary to enable the meeting to proceed in an ordinary manner.
- (4) A meeting closed to the public for the reasons outlined in sub-rule 3(b) or 3(c) will continue to be livestreamed. In the event a livestream is not available:
  - (a) the meeting may be adjourned; or
  - (b) a recording of the proceedings may be available on the Council website

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**Councillors pledge**

*As Councillors of West Wimmera Shire Council, we solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will consider each item on this agenda in the best interests of the whole municipal community.*



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillors:**

Tim Meyer, Mayor  
Tom Houlihan, Deputy Mayor  
Richard Hicks  
Bruce Meyer OAM  
Jodie Pretlove

**Executive Leadership Team:**

James Bentley - Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS)  
Brendan Pearce - Director Infrastructure Development & Works (DIDW)

**Officers:**

Kaddie Cother – Governance Coordinator  
Philippa Hicks – EA to the CEO  
Katie Frost – Governance Manager  
Louise Gabbe – Facilities and Quality Manager  
Abbas Mehr – Chief Finance Officer  
John Hutchins – Community Development and Tourism Manager  
James Magee – Manager Assets and GIS



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## 1 Welcome

## 2 Acknowledgement of Country

The West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

## 3 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire. Amen.

## 4 Apologies, Leave of Absences, Declaration of Conflict of Interest

### 4.1 Apologies

CEO David Bezuidenhout

### 4.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

### 4.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

*None Declared*



## 5 Questions from the Gallery

### 5.1 Written Questions on Notice

No questions on notice were received for inclusion in the agenda.



## 5.2 Verbal Questions without Notice

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of receiving questions without notice from the members of the Gallery.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

**Moved:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council resume Standing Orders.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**



## 6 Delegates Reports

Delegate Reports are for providing feedback on formal council business and are for information only

### 6.1 Councillor Tim Meyer (Mayor)

Date	Event
30/07/2024	WSMD Board Meeting
01/08/2024	RCV Forum Dinner
02/08/2024	RCV Forum
07/08/2024	Councillor Forum
08-09/08/2024	Timber Towns Victoria Forum
09/08/2024	CEMAC Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Council Meeting
15-16/08/2024	Governor of Victoria Visit
21/08/2024	Pre-Council Meeting
21/08/2024	Community Forum – Telopea Downs
21/08/2024	Council Meeting

### 6.2 Councillor Tom Houlihan (Deputy Mayor)

Date	Event
07/08/2024	Councillor Forum
09/08/2024	CEMAC Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Council Meeting
15/08/2024	Governor of Victoria Visit
21/08/2024	Pre-Council Meeting
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### 6.3 Councillor Richard Hicks

Date	Event
02/08/2024	Rail Feight Alliance
07/08/2024	Councillor Forum
09/08/2024	CEMAC Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Council Meeting
21/08/2024	Pre-Council Meeting
21/08/2024	Community Forum – Telopea Downs
21/08/2024	Council Meeting

### 6.4 Councillor Bruce Meyer OAM

Date	Event
01/08/2024	RCV Forum Dinner
02/08/2024	RCV Forum
07/08/2024	Councillor Forum
08/08/2024	Audit & Risk Committee Special Meeting
09/08/2024	CEMAC Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Council Meeting
15-16/08/2024	Governor of Victoria Visit
21/08/2024	Pre-Council Meeting
21/08/2024	Community Forum – Telopea Downs
21/08/2024	Council Meeting

### 6.5 Councillor Jodie Pretlove

Date	Event
07/08/2024	Councillor Forum
08/08/2024	Audit & Risk Committee Special Meeting
09/08/2024	CEMAC Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
09/08/2024	Unscheduled Council Meeting
15-16/08/2024	Governor of Victoria Visit
21/08/2024	Pre-Council Meeting
21/08/2024	Community Forum – Telopea Downs
21/08/2024	Council Meeting



## 7 Condolences

Nil





## 8 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 8.1 Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Richard Hicks

Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)

### 8.2 Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Richard Hicks

Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove

That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)



### 8.3 **Unscheduled Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.**

**Moved: Cr Richard Hicks**

**Seconded: Cr Tom Houlihan**

**That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Council Meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

#### **Attachments**

Nil



## 9 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

### 10 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion submitted for the agenda.

### 11 Councillor Forum Record

#### 11.1 Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 10 July 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Record for the Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 10 July 2024 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

That the Record for the Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 10 July 2024 be received and noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

#### 11.2 Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 7 August 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Record for the Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 7 August 2024 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

That the Record for the Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 7 August 2024 be received and noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**



## 12 Deputations and Petitions

There were no Petitions or Deputations submitted for the agenda.



## 13 Chief Executive Officer

### 13.1 Quarterly Finance Report Q4 and Annual Plan Quarterly Update

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Chief Financial Officer*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Quarterly Financial Report Q4 2023-24 and the Annual Plan quarterly update.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report Q4 2023-24 and the Annual Plan quarterly update.**

**Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**Seconded: Cr Richard Hicks**

**That Council;**

- 1. Receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report Q4 2023-24 and the Annual Plan quarterly update.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Financial Officer to make minor editorial changes as required.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

#### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

#### **Background**

The quarterly financial report for quarter four 2023/24 and the Annual Plan quarterly update is attached for Councillors' reference (refer attachments).

#### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:



Financial risk

Information risk

Regulatory risk

### **Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

### **Environmental Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Business Continuity Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

4.1 Ensure long term financial sustainability.

4.4 Develop a high performing accountable organisation.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

### **Conclusion**

The Financial Report Q4 FY 2023-24 provides an analysis of budgeted income and expenditure targets for this fiscal year. Operationally manageable income streams have reflected improved results and aggregated surplus in each operational area. However, the Council had minimal or virtually no control on Grants released from Commonwealth and the





State Government which indicates a shortfall for the year. The report provides details about circumstances arising from the delayed release of Financial Assistance Grants and capital grants. The Council's cash reserves provided the capacity to continue operating without any constraints.

Expenditure generally followed budgetary parameters. However, higher Work Cover costs and accelerated capital works delivery during the year resulted in some overspend which was mitigated by enhanced control processes applied to other expenditure.

### **Attachments**

1. Q 4 Financial Report Council Meeting 14082024 Version 1.2.0 [**13.1.1** - 15 pages]
2. Quarterly Update Q 4 2024 [**13.1.2** - 11 pages]



## 14 Corporate and Community Services

### 14.1 Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Applications

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Community Development and Tourism Manager*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### **Purpose**

Five applications have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contribution Grant Guideline. Each application has been assessed by offices as eligible for determination by Council. This report and its supporting documentation informs Council of the particulars of each application.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council determine the following applications which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Mr Buzz Brennan – application amount**                      **\$500.00**
- **Kaniva Link – application amount**                              **\$800.00**
- **Goroke A & P Society – application amount**                      **\$1,200.00**
- **Goroke A & P Society – application amount**                      **\$500.00**
- **Lifeforce Edenhope – application amount**                      **\$1,200.00**

**Moved:**                      **Cr Bruce Meyer**

**Seconded:**                      **Cr Tim Meyer**

**That Council decline the following application which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Mr Buzz Brennan – application amount**                      **\$500.00**

**CARRIED (3 / 2)**

Cr Richard Hicks called for a division

For:

Cr Tim Meyer, Cr Jodie Pretlove and Cr Bruce Meyer

Against:

Cr Richard Hicks and Cr Tom Houlihan



*Cr Richard Hicks moved an amendment*

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council approve the following application which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Mr Buzz Brennan** \$250.00

**LOST (2 / 3)**

Cr Richard Hicks called for a division.

For:

Cr Richard Hicks and Cr Tom Houlihan

Against:

Cr Tim Meyer, Cr Jodie Pretlove and Cr Bruce Meyer

**Moved:** Cr Bruce Meyer

**Seconded:** Cr Richard Hicks

**That Council approve the following application which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Kaniva Link – application amount** \$800.00

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

**Moved:** Cr Bruce Meyer

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council approve the following application which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Goroke A & P Society** 700.00

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**



**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council approve the following applications which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Goroke A & P Society – application amount \$500.00**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

**Moved:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

**Seconded:** Cr Richard Hicks

**That Council approve the following application which have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline:**

- **Lifeforce Edenhope – application amount \$1,200.00**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### **Declaration of Interest**

The Manager Community Development and Tourism has declared a conflict of interest with respect to the application submitted by Lifeforce Edenhope.

### **Background**

Five applications have been received under Council's Sponsorship and Contribution Grant Guideline from the following five applicants:

- Mr Buzz Brennan
- Kaniva Link
- Goroke A & P Society
- Goroke A & P Society
- Lifeforce Edenhope

All applications have been lodged electronically through the Smarty Grants platform. Each application and its accompanying officer eligibility assessment is attached to this report for Councillors' reference.



The West Wimmera Shire Council Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline provides individuals and organisations with the opportunity to seek Council support for worthy initiatives which benefit the West Wimmera community. Under the Guideline, applicants may apply for financial and/or in-kind support from Council.

Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grants may be awarded to organisations or individuals to support:

- Enhanced community wellbeing
- Increased community participation
- Recovery efforts following catastrophic emergencies
- Activities demonstrating a benefit to the West Wimmera community

#### **Sponsorship and Contributions Grant budget**

Council's 2024/2025 budget has made provision for total annual financial expenditure of \$6,000 for the Sponsorship and Contributions Grant. No funds have yet been expended in the current financial year.

The total quantum of financial grant funding sought within the five attached grant applications is \$4,200.00.

Should Council determine to award all the applicants with the funds sought in each application, an amount of \$1,800.00 would be available for distribution under the Sponsorship and Contributions Grant Guideline for the remainder of the 2024/2025 financial year.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

#### **Legislative Implications**

Not Applicable

#### **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable



### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

Not applicable

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Council Grants Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

1.1 Create a healthy, active, and vibrant community.

1.5 Support and encourage our events, cultural and arts communities.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

### **Conclusion**

All five applications for Council's Sponsorship and Contributions Grant have been assessed by officers and are eligible for determination by Council.

### **Attachments**

Nil





## 14.2 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Chief Financial Officer*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### **Purpose**

This report presents Council with the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council receives the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 11 June 2024.**

**Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**Seconded: Cr Bruce Meyer**

**That Council receives the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 11 June 2024.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

### **Background**

Section 53 (1) of the Local Government Act 2020 requires that each Council establish an Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee's role is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations relevant to its charter in order to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities. The Audit and Risk Committee plays a key role in assisting Council to fulfil its governance and overseeing responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal control, risk management systems, ethical accountability and the internal audit function.



The Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which management has responsibility and does not have any delegated financial responsibility. The Committee does not have any management functions and is therefore independent of management. The Committee does not have any role in relation to issues normally addressed by Council or a sub-committee of Council, which may have delegated powers and financial management responsibilities in relation to budgets, financing decisions and expenditure priorities. The Committee is a separate activity and acts independently of Council and does not have any role in relation to financial management issues or have any executory role or powers.

### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

Financial risk

Regulatory risk

Reputation risk

Strategic risk

### **Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

### **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

Not applicable

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Fraud & Corruption Control Policy

Risk Management Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

***Goal 4 – Good Governance***



4.5 Maintain a rigorous risk management framework.

**Goal 5 – Our Commitment Values**

Accountability - We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency and advocating for our community.

**Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

**Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

**Conclusion**

The draft minutes of the previous Audit and Risk Committee meeting are attached for Council's information.

**Attachments**

1. Draft Audit\_\_ Risk Committee Minutes 11 June 2024 [**14.2.1** - 15 pages]



## 15 Infrastructure Development and Works

### 15.1 Proposed application for funds to Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*

*Report Author: Assets & GIS Coordinator*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### Purpose

To get Council endorsement for submission of an application for funding to carry out a road construction project on the Kadnook Connewirricoo Road. The application will be submitted to the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Endorse the application for funding of \$1.2M for the upgrading of Kadnook Connewirricoo Road to the Safer Roads and Infrastructure Program, including a Council contribution of 20% (\$300,000) of the total project budget.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer the execute the funding agreement upon receipt.

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council:**

1. Endorse the application for funding of \$1.2M for the upgrading of Kadnook Connewirricoo Road to the Safer Roads and Infrastructure Program, including a Council contribution of 20% (\$300,000) of the total project budget.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer the execute the funding agreement upon receipt.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

#### Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

#### Background

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Communication and the Arts has recently announced the opening of a new program supporting the capital



improvement of roads. The program is entitled the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) and focuses on improving safety on heavy vehicle routes. The Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program has been discontinued.

Applications should address at least one of the focus areas being:

Road safety

Productivity

Bridge renewal

Road resilience

Road sustainability

Heavy vehicle rest areas

The participating Councils can seek up to 80% of a rural project cost through this program with no limitation to the number of projects. The Council officer's recommendation is that the Council apply for 80% of the total project budget.

Applications are open all year round with assessment three times per year. It is estimated that assessment of projects may take ten weeks.

The specific detail subject to the SLRIP application is below:

Road: Kadnook Connewirricoo Road

Segment: Ch 990m - 4710m

Length: 3720m

Proposed seal width: 6.2m

Project Budget: \$1,500,000

Council Contribution: \$300,000

SLRIP Contribution Requested: \$1,200,000

Please note that Council has allocated \$320,000 toward road construction on Kadnook Connewirricoo Road in the 2024/25 Council Budget. This would satisfy the required 20% contribution and provide \$20,000 as contingency.

If successful, upon completion of this project, the total length (13.5km) of the Kadnook Connewirricoo Road will have a seal width of 6.2m. The Kadnook Connewirricoo Road is listed as a Strategic Local Road nominated for upgrade in the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group document, Regional Transport Strategy.

### **Risk Management Implications**



**Risk identified:**

There are no obvious risks for the Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

**Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

**Environmental Implications**

Not applicable

**Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

**Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Asset Management Policy  
Asset Management Strategy

**Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

***Goal 2 – Diverse and Prosperous Economy***

- 2.3 Facilitate the development of the local economy and jobs.
- 2.5 Enhance the local road network and explore transport options.
- 2.6 Provide infrastructure to sustain economic activity.

***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

- 4.1 Ensure long term financial sustainability.

**Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

**Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

**Conclusion**



The Kadnook Connewirricoo Road is a significant heavy vehicle route that requires widening and strengthening, for safety and productivity purposes. It would be prudent for the Council to obtain supporting funding from the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program to assist with the ongoing upgrade of the road.

### **Attachments**

Nil



## 15.2 Onsite Wastewater Management Plan

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*

*Report Author: Environmental Health Technician*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the final draft of the West Wimmera Shire Council (WWSC) Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP).

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council adopts the draft West Wimmera Shire Council Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024 - 2029.**

**Moved: Cr Richard Hicks**

**Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**That Council adopts the draft West Wimmera Shire Council Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024 - 2029.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

### Background

West Wimmera Shire Council previously developed an Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP), previously known as a Domestic Wastewater Management Plan in 2014, to assist with the efficient and effective regulation of onsite wastewater management (OWM) within the Shire. In October 2023, West Wimmera Shire Council (WWSC) was successful in receiving \$20,000 funding from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, now known as the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change for the review and update of the 2014 Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management Plan.

Council successfully engaged Whiteheads & Associates Environmental Consulting in June 2023 and began the review and update of the OWMP. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the West Wimmera Shire Council Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan was presented to council for consideration, and made available for a 2-week community feedback period beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. No community feedback was received during this period.





Furthermore, the Order for Obligations for Managers of Land or Infrastructure (OMLI) requires water corporations to respond to councils' OWMP about their preferred sewage management solutions. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the draft OWMP was sent to Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWM Water) via email for comment. For ease of reference the feedback received from GWM Water and relevant changes made to the OWMP have been summarised in **Table 1**.

**Table 1:** Summary of feedback received from GWM Water and the amendments made to the West Wimmera Shire Council draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan.

Section	Feedback/Suggestion	Changes made to the OWMP
Section 2.2 What is Wastewater?	What is 'normal' waste.	Removal of the word 'normal'.
Section 2.5.1 Public Health	Are household chemicals a concern?	No change.
Section 5.3.1 Goroke Background	Add in the wording ...GWM Water owned and operated.	Added the words 'GWM Water owned and operated'.
Section 5.4.1 Edenhope Background	Add in the wording ...GWM Water owned and operated.	Added the words 'GWM Water owned and operated'.
Section 5.5.1 Kaniva Background	Add in the wording '...both networks drain to two separate wastewater treatment plants owned and operated by GWM Water, located to the north and south of the township'.	Added the wording, '...both networks drain to two separate wastewater treatment plants owned and operated by GWM Water, located to the north and south of the township'.
Section 10.1 Maintenance of Existing Systems	Reference required.	Added a reference to the Guidelines for Onsite Wastewater Management (GOWM), 2024.
Section 10.3 Upgrade/Replacement of Existing OWM System	Reference required.	Added a reference to the GOWM, 2024 and Guidelines for Effluent Dispersal and Recycling Systems (EDRS), 2024.
Section 10.3.1 Enforcement of Upgrade Works	Remove the word 'local government' and replace it with the word 'council'.	'Local government' wording was removed and replaced with 'council'.
Section 11.1 Commercial OWM Systems Overview	The 'Annual Performance Statement' is now known as 'Permission Information & Performance Statements (PIPs)'.	Removed the wording 'Annual Performance Statement' and replaced it with 'Permission Information and Performance Statements'.
Section 11.1 Commercial OWM Systems Overview	Is the word 'Shire' different to 'Council'.	No change.
Section 11.2 Risk Associated with Commercial OWM Systems	The word 'buffer' is used by the EPA.	No change made as the word 'Setback' is used within the GOWM and EDRS.



B.7 Minimum LCA Requirements, number 8: Site Management Plan	Remove the wording 'Operation and Maintenance Plan' and add 'Op & Maintenance Plan'.	No change.
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The OWMP has been prepared to recognise, respond to, and link with Council policies and plans, current legislation and regulations, and the relevant direction of State Regulatory Authorities. The OWMP also addresses recent changes in Codes of Practice, Australian Standards, and guidelines relating to OWM, and recent advances in technology and management practices.

The key objectives of the OWMP are to provide a key strategic tool for development of long-term strategies for OWM system management, a guide for making decisions about individual OWM systems, enforcement and compliance options, resource management for proactive wastewater management, and cooperation between Council, the community, waste corporations and catchment management authorities and develop a Risk Assessment Framework designed to evaluate the level of risk associated with proposed and existing OWM systems and to help identify management strategies.

The OWMP presents a prioritised Action Plan for the Shire with proposed timeframes for the completion of the various tasks. The Action Plan provides actions which will be implemented to improve the effectiveness of OWM within the Shire to protect public health and the environment and to ensure that future development within the Shire is sustainable. The OWMP will also provide a valuable tool for the assessment of planning applications within all unsewered localities and associated townships, and guidance for owners on the requirements that will need to be met.

**Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

Environmental risk

People risk

Regulatory risk

Safety risk

**Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

**Environmental Implications**

Environmental Risk rating has been assessed as: High



## **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

## **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Communications Policy  
Environmental Policy  
Risk Management Policy

## **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

### ***Goal 3 – Sustainable Environment***

- 3.1 Preserve and enhance the natural environment.
- 3.2 Promote sustainable environmental management practices.

### ***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

- 4.4 Develop a high performing accountable organisation.

## **Communication Implications**

Consultation has already been undertaken in development of the plans.

## **Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required.

## **Conclusion**

Council has prepared the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan in accordance with the *Environment Protection Act 2017*. The Onsite Wastewater Management Plan is a key strategic document that will assist council staff in managing onsite wastewater to ensure public health and the environment is protected.

## **Attachments**

1. WWSC OWMP DRAFT 002 (3) [15.2.1 - 95 pages]



### 15.3 Building Blocks Grant Applications

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*

*Report Author: Innovation and PMO Manager*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### **Purpose**

To request approval to submit four (4) applications to the Building Blocks State Government grants program for improvements at our three kindergartens in Edenhope, Kaniva and Goroke.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council approve the submission of the following grant applications to the Victorian Government's Building Blocks grants program:**

- 1. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 – Priority 1, Kaniva**
- 2. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 - Priority 2, Edenhope**
- 3. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 - Priority 3, Goroke**
- 4. Building Blocks – Inclusion Playgrounds – for \$200,000 - Goroke Kindergarten**

**Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**Seconded: Cr Richard Hicks**

**That Council approve the submission of the following grant applications to the Victorian Government's Building Blocks grants program:**

- 1. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 – Priority 1, Kaniva**
- 2. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 - Priority 2, Edenhope**
- 3. Building Blocks – Inclusion – Equipment - for \$10,000 - Priority 3, Goroke**
- 4. Building Blocks – Inclusion Playgrounds – for \$200,000 - Goroke Kindergarten**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

#### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.



## Background

Building Blocks Grants are a State Government program which supports 3yr old and 4yr old kindergarten. There are a number of different streams.

### Stream 1

#### **Building Blocks – Inclusion – equipment – up to \$10,000**

These grants are designed to purchase equipment to provide safe and more inclusive environments for children of all abilities. We are recommending submitting three applications within this stream.

No co-contribution required.

There is every chance that Council may receive funding for all three sites, however as part of the application process, Council is required to nominate sites in priority order. It is proposed that the application will be submitted with the following priority:

Kaniva – 1

Edenhope - 2

Goroke – 3

The above priorities are based on the number of children at each site with additional needs and the level of those additional needs.

The closing date for this application is 4th September 2024.

### Stream 2

#### **Building Blocks – Inclusion playgrounds – up to \$200,000**

These grants aim to fund infrastructure upgrades to make kindergarten activities safer, more inclusive and accessible to children of all abilities.

It is recommended that Council should submit an application for \$200,000 for the Goroke Kindergarten playground upgrade as per the concept plan submitted to the August Forum.

No co-contribution is required. The closing date for this application is 4th September 2024.

A summary of these applications is included in table format below.

Project name	Funding body	Total Project amount	Funds from the funding body	Council contribution	Community contribution	Comments



<b>Goroke Kindergarten – Sensory equipment</b>	State – Building Blocks – inclusion – equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A	n/a	This program will support the purchasing of sensory equipment which will assist the learnings of children who have additional needs to actively participate in kindergarten program. This funding application does not require support funding
<b>Kaniva Kindergarten – Sensory equipment</b>	State – Building Blocks – inclusion – equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A	n/a	This program will support the purchasing of sensory equipment which will assist the learnings of children who have additional needs to actively participate in kindergarten program. This funding application does not require support funding
<b>Edenhope Kindergarten – Sensory Equipment</b>	State – Building Blocks – inclusion – equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A	n/a	This program will support the purchasing of sensory equipment which will assist the learnings of children who have additional needs to actively participate in kindergarten program. This funding application does not require support funding
<b>Goroke Kindergarten – Playground &amp; inclusion upgrades</b>	State – Building Blocks – Inclusion OR Improvements	\$200,000	\$200,000	Project management	nil	This project comes from the IP and supports the works previously completed at this site. This project will complete the entire playground and making the whole space, accessible and safe. This funding application does not require support funding

### Risk Management Implications

Risk identified: There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.



### **Legislative Implications**

Not Applicable

### **Environmental Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

Nil

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Not applicable

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

1.4 Deliver quality services that support community life.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Gender Equality**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

### **Conclusion**

These applications aim to secure funding for essential equipment and infrastructure upgrades at the kindergartens in Kaniva, Edenhope, and Goroke. The proposals have been carefully prioritized based on the needs of each site, particularly focusing on inclusivity and safety for children of all abilities.

Approval of these submissions will significantly enhance the learning environments in these communities without requiring additional financial contributions from Council.

### **Attachments**

Nil



## 15.4 Leasing and Licensing of Council Facilities Policy

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*

*Report Author: Facilities and Quality Manager*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### **Purpose**

This report's purpose is to establish a Leasing and Licensing of Council Facilities Policy that will follow a set of established procedures, with a clear and transparent framework and provide clarity on risks and responsibilities.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council adopt the Leasing and Licensing of Council Land and Facilities Policy, dated July 2024, as attached.**

**Moved: Cr Richard Hicks**

**Seconded: Cr Tom Houlihan**

- 2. That Council adopt the Leasing and Licensing of Council Land and Facilities Policy, dated July 2024, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

### **Background**

West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) is the custodian of land on behalf, and for the benefit of its community. This land includes property owned by the Council, crown land where Council is the Committee of Management (COM) and land leased or licensed by Council for identified purposes. Some Council managed properties are leased for commercial purposes and generate market rents for Council. Some properties are leased at subsidised rates for community and not for profit purposes, to deliver a tangible community benefit.

Past Council leases, licences and user agreements have generally not followed a set of established procedures or guidelines. A draft Leasing and Licensing of Council Facilities Policy is attached for perusal.

### **Risk Management Implications**





Risk identified:

There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

Implementation of agreements, leases and licences for the different groups and organisations, will set a clear statement of expectation of their responsibilities for keeping an appropriate standard so that there are steps in mitigating any risk.

### **Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:

Local Government Act 2020

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978

Leasing Policy for Crown Land in Victoria 2018 (DEECA Policy)

Land Act 1958

Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)

Retail Leases Act 2003

### **Environmental Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

Nil

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Asset Management Policy

Communications Policy

Community & Commercial Advertising on Council Buildings & Structures Policy

Community Engagement Policy

Pricing Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

1.3 Provide well planned and sustainable community infrastructure.

1.4 Deliver quality services that support community life.

#### ***Goal 2 – Diverse and Prosperous Economy***



2.1 Encourage and support the establishment and expansion of innovative, creative and sustainable businesses.

2.2 Promote the Shire as a great place to visit, live and invest.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

### **Conclusion**

West Wimmera Shire is the manager of Council owned and crown land (where council is COM) that gives the opportunity for commercial and private enterprises to deliver services for the community. It also allows not for profit groups to engage and provide a benefit to the community.

The policy seeks to provide a clear and transparent framework for the administration and management of land including property owned by Council, Crown Land where Council are the COM and land leased or licensed by Council.

This policy will be reviewed four years from the date of endorsement by Council unless it is required to be updated sooner.

### **Attachments**

1. WWSC Council Policy Leasing and Licensing of Facilities Policy July 2024 - DRAFT  
[15.4.1 - 12 pages]



## 15.5 Kangaroo Management

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*  
*Report Author: Director Infrastructure Development and Works*  
*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### Purpose

The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide an overview of the kangaroo culling system in Victoria, outlining the regulatory framework, processes, and roles of different stakeholders involved in kangaroo population management.

Additionally, it addresses how to identify problem areas, engage with professional kangaroo shooters, and obtain consent for land access to improve kangaroo management.

This information will assist the Council in understanding the mechanisms in place for sustainable wildlife management and how the Council can support landowners within its jurisdiction.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council assist the community to manage kangaroo numbers by:**

- 1. Identifying problem areas within West Wimmera Shire Council.**
- 2. Identifying and promoting licensed professional kangaroo shooters by providing a list on Council's website and facilitating introductions with landowners.**
- 3. Assist with obtaining consent for land access.**
- 4. Undertake community engagement and implement information initiatives.**

**Moved: Cr Bruce Meyer**

**Seconded: Cr Richard Hicks**

**That Council assist the community to manage kangaroo numbers by:**

- 1. Identifying problem areas within West Wimmera Shire Council.**
- 2. Identifying and promoting licensed professional kangaroo shooters by providing a list on Council's website and facilitating introductions with landowners.**
- 3. Assist with obtaining consent for land access.**
- 4. Undertake community engagement and implement information initiatives.**

**CARRIED (4 / 0)**

**1 Abstention**



## Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

## Background

Kangaroo populations in Victoria can pose challenges to land management, agriculture, and biodiversity. Effective management of these populations is necessary to mitigate environmental and economic impacts while ensuring the humane treatment of wildlife.

Furthermore, kangaroos can pose significant hazards to motorists, increasing the risk of vehicle collisions and endangering public safety. The Victorian Government regulates kangaroo culling through a structured system involving permits and compliance with animal welfare standards.

Note that the responsibility of managing excess kangaroo numbers mainly falls on landowners.

Council can assist with advice and guidance, but the management and control of kangaroo populations on private property is ultimately the landowners' responsibility.

## Kangaroo Populations in Victoria (July 2024)

As of July 2024, estimates indicate that the kangaroo population in Victoria is approximately 1.5 million. This population is spread across seven key regions, with the largest concentrations found in rural and semi-rural areas where grazing and agriculture are prevalent.

## Regulatory Framework

1. Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) Permit:
  - Landholders must obtain an ATCW permit from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to legally control kangaroos on their property.
  - The ATCW permit specifies the species, number of kangaroos, and methods allowed for control, with a focus on humane and ethical practices.
2. Kangaroo Harvesting Program:
  - This program allows for the commercial harvesting of kangaroos to manage populations sustainably and provide economic benefits.
  - Quotas are set based on population surveys and ecological assessments to ensure sustainable harvesting.



The Kangaroo Harvesting Program (KHP) in Victoria operates in specific areas designated by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) based on kangaroo population assessments and regional needs.

As of the latest updates, the KHP is active in several regions across Victoria, which are typically areas with higher kangaroo densities and where kangaroo impacts on agriculture, land management, and road safety are significant. These regions generally include:

These areas are determined based on ecological assessments, population surveys, and consultation with local stakeholders to ensure sustainable kangaroo management practices are implemented. The KHP focuses on regions where kangaroo populations are stable enough to support commercial harvesting while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the species.

The Kangaroo Harvesting Program (KHP) is active in the Upper Wimmera region. The Upper Wimmera, located in western Victoria, is part of the broader Wimmera region, which is known for its agricultural activities and natural landscapes that support significant kangaroo populations.

The KHP operates in this area to help manage kangaroo numbers and mitigate their impact on farming and other land uses. This program provides a sustainable approach to controlling kangaroo populations, ensuring that their numbers remain at levels that are ecologically viable and economically manageable for local communities. By participating in the KHP, landowners in the Upper Wimmera region can collaborate with licensed harvesters to manage kangaroo populations effectively and sustainably.

In the Upper Wimmera region, the Kangaroo Harvesting Program (KHP) has a quota of 17,350 kangaroos for 2024. This quota is part of a broader strategy to manage kangaroo populations sustainably across Victoria, ensuring no more than 10% of the population is controlled each year.

The KHP and Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) permits together aim to balance ecological needs with agricultural and community concerns.

For the Upper Wimmera region, ATCW quotas are not explicitly capped like the KHP; they are issued as needed based on individual applications .

### 3. National Code of Practice:

- Culling must adhere to the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies, ensuring that methods used are humane and minimize suffering.

Example of an ATCW Permit

Below is a simplified example of what an ATCW permit might include:



### **Authority to Control Wildlife Permit (example)**

Permit Number: ATCW-12345-VIC

Permit Holder: John Doe

Property Address: 123 Farm Lane, Rural Town, VIC 3000

Species to be Controlled: Eastern Grey Kangaroo

Number of Animals: Up to 50 kangaroos

Method of Control: Shooting in accordance with the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies

Permit Validity: 01/08/2024 to 31/12/2024

Conditions:

4. All culling activities must be conducted by licensed and experienced shooters.
5. Compliance with all animal welfare standards as set out in the National Code of Practice.
6. Submission of a report to DEECA detailing the number of kangaroos culled and methods used.

Issued by: DEECA Wildlife Management Division

Date of Issue: 15/07/2024

### **Process**

Application for ATCW Permit:

- Landholders submit applications detailing the need for control, methods to be used, and supporting evidence of kangaroo impacts.
- DEECA assesses applications based on ecological data, landholder needs, and compliance with regulatory standards.

Issuance of Permit:

- Permits are issued with conditions regarding the number of kangaroos, methods, duration, and specific locations for culling.
- Permits are non-transferable and must be renewed upon expiration.

Compliance and Monitoring:

- Permit holders must report on activities, including the number of kangaroos controlled, to ensure compliance with permit conditions.



- DEECA conducts audits and monitoring to verify adherence to regulations and the effectiveness of management strategies.

## **What can Council do to assist**

### **Identify Problem Areas**

- Community Reporting:
  - Utilise social media platforms to create awareness and encourage residents to report areas with high kangaroo activity or damage.
  - Develop a dedicated online portal or hotline for reporting kangaroo-related issues, making it easier for the community to share information.

### **Engage with Licensed Professional Kangaroo Shooters**

- Contact and Support Kangaroo Shooters:
  - Establish a network of licensed kangaroo shooters and ensure they are informed and ready to assist when needed.
  - Provide a list of local kangaroo shooters on the Council website and facilitate introductions between landowners and shooters.

### **Assist with Obtaining Consent for Land Access**

- Government and Private Property Consent:
  - Coordinate with DEECA and landowners to streamline the process of obtaining consent for kangaroo shooters to access properties.
  - Use social media and other communication channels to reach out to property owners, asking if they are willing to allow access to their land for kangaroo management.

### **Community Engagement and Initiatives**

- Demonstrating Awareness and Assistance:
  - Launch community engagement campaigns to inform residents about the Council's efforts to manage kangaroo populations and the benefits of responsible wildlife control.
  - Host workshops or information sessions on kangaroo management, providing education on non-lethal methods and land management practices.
  - Explore partnerships with conservation groups and research institutions to develop and promote innovative management strategies.

## **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

Environmental risk

Reputation risk



### **Legislative Implications**

Not Applicable

### **Environmental Implications**

Environmental Risk rating has been assessed as: Medium

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Environmental Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

1.2 Support a safe and inclusive community.

#### ***Goal 3 – Sustainable Environment***

3.2 Promote sustainable environmental management practices.

#### ***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

4.3 Advocate for our community on issues important to our future.

### **Communication Implications**

Consultation has already been undertaken in development of the plans

### **Equal Impact Assessment**

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

### **Conclusion**

The kangaroo culling system in Victoria is a carefully regulated process aimed at balancing wildlife conservation with land management needs. By actively identifying problem areas, engaging professional kangaroo shooters, and facilitating land access, the Council can effectively assist landowners in kangaroo population management.





These efforts will demonstrate to the community that the Council is aware of the challenges, including the hazards to motorists, and is committed to supporting sustainable and humane wildlife management practices.

### **Attachments**

Nil



## 16 Sealing Schedule

Nil.

## 17 Late Items of Business

**Pursuant to West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules – Division 3 Section 20:**

### 20. Urgent Business

*If the agenda for a Council meeting makes provision for urgent business, business cannot be admitted as urgent business other than by resolution of Council, and only then if it:*

- *20.1 relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and*
- *20.2 cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.*

No Items



## 18 Confidential Reports

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pursuant to Section 66 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 close the meeting to members of the public to resolve on matters pertaining to the following items:

- 18.1 C-MAR2024-C006 Kaniva Recreation Reserve AFL Lighting Project
- 18.2 C-MAR2024-C007 Harrow Recreation Reserve AFL Lighting Project
- 18.3 C-JUL2024\_P008 Motor Grader Purchase

*Reason for confidentiality -*

*Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Council business Information*

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

That Council pursuant to Section 66 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 close the meeting to members of the public at 3:44 pm to resolve on matters pertaining to the following items:

- 18.1 C-MAR2024-C006 Kaniva Recreation Reserve AFL Lighting Project
- 18.2 C-MAR2024-C007 Harrow Recreation Reserve AFL Lighting Project
- 18.3 C-JUL2024\_P008 Motor Grader Purchase

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**



## 19 Close of Meeting

### Meeting closed:

The Council Meeting - 21 August 2024 was declared closed at 4:01 pm

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 18 September 2024

Kaniva Council Chambers

Mayor's Signature

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